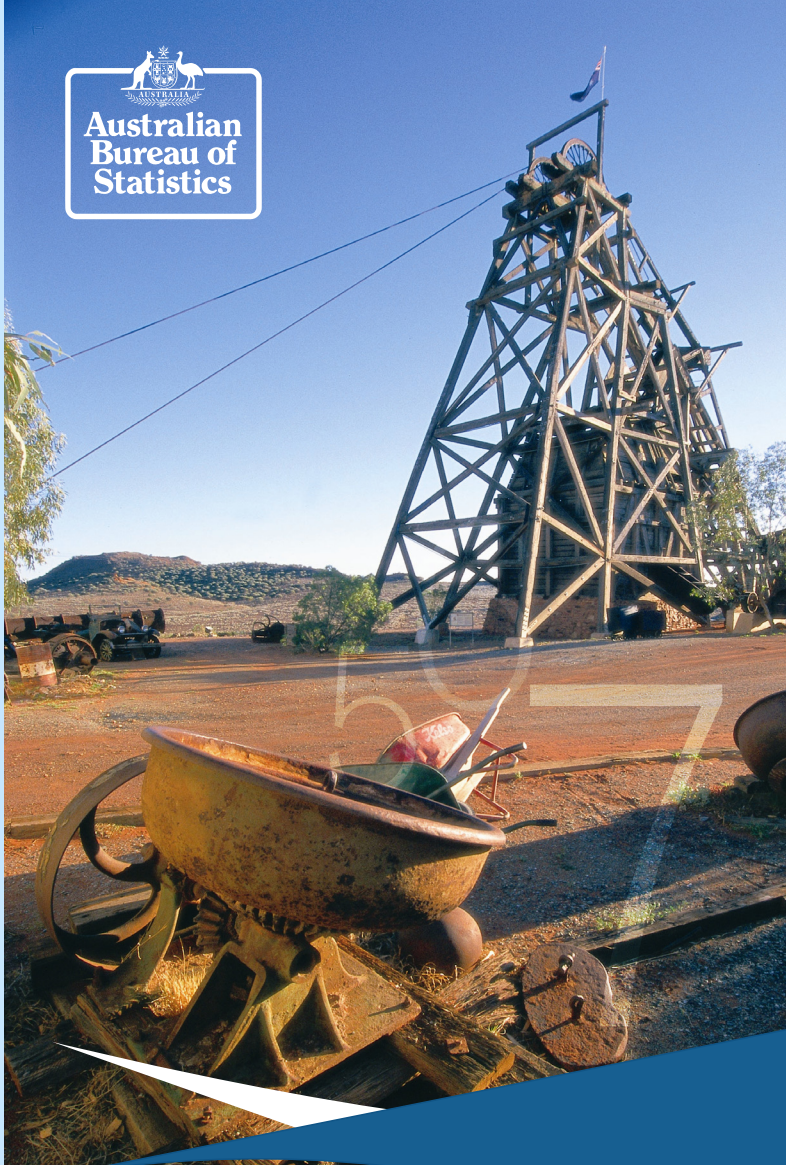




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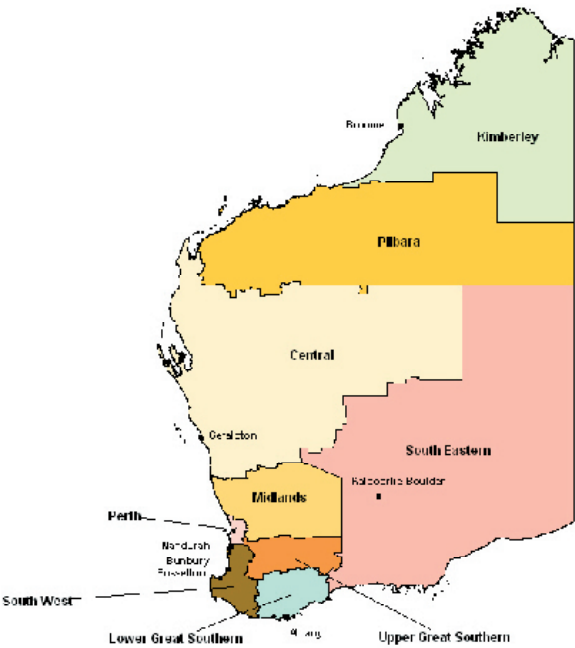
Western Australia had an estimated population of 2,163,247 in June 2008, accounting for 10.1% of Australia's population.

Western Australia has the largest land area (2,532,400sq km) of any Australian State or Territory. Its coastline of 12,500km amounts to 34% of Australia's total coastline.

The State's capital, Perth, was founded on 12 August 1829 and contains over 72% of Western Australia's population.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA IN RELATION TO AUSTRALIA

	% of Australian total
Area	32.9
Coastline	34.0
Demography	
Estimated resident population (June 2008)	10.1
Labour force	
Employed persons (December 2008)	10.9
Unemployed persons (December 2008)	6.7
International Trade (Value)	
Imports (2007–08)	13.5
Exports (2007–08)	38.1



# people

## ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION (June)<sup>1</sup>

	2007 '000	2008 '000
Males	1 063.8	1 094.9
Females	1 042.3	1 068.4
Persons	2 106.1	2 163.2
under 15 years	416.4	426.5
15–19 years	149.3	152.2
20–29 years	296.9	308.7
30–39 years	305.3	311.9
40–49 years	312.7	318.3
50–59 years	272.0	277.1
60–64 years	102.7	109.8
65 years and over	250.8	258.8
WA Statistical Divisions		
Perth	1 554.8	na
South West	224.1	na
Lower Great Southern	56.0	na
Upper Great Southern	18.8	na
Midlands	53.6	na
South Eastern	56.9	na
Central	62.1	na
Pilbara	45.3	na
Kimberley	34.3	na

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary estimates based on 2006 Census of Population and Housing.

## DEMOGRAPHY

	2006 no.	2007 no.
Live births	27 776	29 164
Deaths	11 643	12 283
Marriages	11 602	12 290
Divorces	5 544	4 932
Crude rate (per 1,000 persons) <sup>1</sup>		
Births	13.5	13.8
Deaths	5.7	5.8
Marriages	5.6	5.8
Divorces	2.7	2.3

<sup>1</sup> Based on mean estimated resident population at 30 June.

## CENSUS POPULATION (Proportion of WA total)<sup>1</sup>

	2001	2006
	%	%
Birthplace		
Australia	67.7	65.3
United Kingdom	11.1	10.6
New Zealand	2.5	2.4
South Africa	0.8	1.1
Italy	1.3	1.1
Religious affiliation		
Catholicism	24.8	23.7
Anglicanism	22.6	20.4
Other religious affiliation	32.9	33.0
No religious affiliation	19.7	22.9

<sup>1</sup> Census of Population and Housing. Based on place of usual residence.

## EDUCATION

	2007	2008
	no.	no.
Full time students		
Government	229 611	230 947
Non-government	114 977	118 710
Schools		
Government	769	768
Non-government	299	297
International students (non-permanent education arrivals)		
Singapore	5 303	5 742
Malaysia	4 701	5 135
China	3 457	4 353
Other countries	27 582	30 696
<b>Total</b>	<b>41 043</b>	<b>45 926</b>

## AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS (August)<sup>1</sup>

	2007	2008
	\$	\$
Males	1 303.80	1 420.30
Females	954.60	1 025.90
<b>Persons</b>	<b>1 191.60</b>	<b>1 292.60</b>

<sup>1</sup> Full time adult ordinary time earnings, Trend.

## LABOUR MARKET (December)

	2007	2008
	'000	'000
Employed persons	1 124.5	1 168.2
Unemployed persons	37.5	35.0
<b>Total labour force<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1 162.0</b>	<b>1 203.2</b>
	%	%
Unemployment rate <sup>1</sup>	3.2	2.9
	'000	'000
Largest employing industries <sup>2</sup>		
Retail trade	147.1	173.5
Property and business services	135.4	126.1
Construction	126.1	121.7

<sup>1</sup> Trend.

<sup>2</sup> Original.

## COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS FOR EMERGENCIES

	2007
	% of WA households (818,900)
Have experienced a major emergency	7.9
In the event of a major emergency	
Need assistance to evacuate	19.0
Need transport assistance	24.6
Have pets needing evacuation	53.3
Unwilling to evacuate	11.4
Have a role that may be called on in an emergency response	9.3
Emergency preparedness	
Have an exit plan from dwelling	46.5
Agreed meeting place in event of separation	10.5
Lack of stored drinking water	30.1
Have at least 6 days of food that does not require cooking or refrigeration	33.0

# economy

## STATE ACCOUNTS

	2006-07	2007-08
	\$m	\$m
Gross State Product (real)	139 247	146,444
	\$	\$
Gross State Product per capita (real)	67 011	68,837
	%	%
Largest industries contributing to Gross State Product <sup>1</sup>		
Mining	29.2	27.3
Property and business services	10.2	10.6
Construction	7.4	9.4

<sup>1</sup> Current prices.

## HOUSE PRICE INDEX<sup>1</sup>

	2006-07	2007-08
	%	%
Established homes	32.3	1.0
Project homes	10.6	3.2

<sup>1</sup> Percentage change from previous financial year.

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX<sup>1</sup>

	2006-07	2007-08
	%	%
Food	5.4	4.3
Alcohol and tobacco	3.6	4.1
Clothing and footwear	-0.9	-0.9
Housing	7.4	4.7
Household contents and services	2.3	-0.7
Health	5.3	5.4
Transportation	2.4	4.7
Communication	1.3	0.3
Recreation	1.9	2.0
Education	6.9	7.8
Financial and insurance services	2.0	5.6
<b>All groups</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.6</b>

<sup>1</sup> Percentage change from previous financial year.

## economy (continued)

### IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

	2006-07	2007-08
	\$m	\$m
Imports	22 125	27 355
Exports	60 509	68 855
Imports from		
Singapore	2 441	3 506
Japan	2 601	2 971
United Kingdom	1 853	2 600
Exports to		
China	13 781	17 429
Japan	12 015	13 046
Republic of Korea	5 013	5 902
Major commodities exported		
Iron ore	15 351	20 025
Gold bullion	10 431	12 018
Crude petroleum oils	6 932	9 179

## industry

### RETAIL TRADE<sup>1</sup>

	2006-07	2007-08
	\$m	\$m
Food	8 490	9 131
Department stores	1 947	2 048
Clothing and soft goods	1 561	1 676
Household goods	4 682	4 484
Other retailing	3 204	3 642
Cafés, restaurants and takeaway food services	2 943	3 227
<b>Total</b>	<b>22 827</b>	<b>24 208</b>

<sup>1</sup> Retail turnover in current prices, Trend.

### BUILDING

	2006-07	2007-08
	no.	no.
New residential building		
Approved	24 862	23 402
Completed	24 835	23 213
Average value of new residential building	\$	\$
Approved	239 423	283 295
Completed	203 587	242 786
Total value of non-residential building	\$m	\$m
Approved	2 758.5	5 357.9
Completed	2 178.0	3 275.3

## MINING

2006-07 2007-08

### Production of major commodities<sup>1</sup>

Iron ore	'000 t	281 157	313 505
Gold	t	163	142
Crude oil	ML	19 940	18 011

### Exploration expenditure

\$ \$

Minerals	839.1	1 259.8
Petroleum	1 481.0	2 174.9

<sup>1</sup> Source: Australian Mineral Statistics 2008, Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

## AGRICULTURE

2007-08

### Production of major crops

Wheat for grain	'000 t	5 996
Barley for grain	'000 t	2 814

### Major livestock numbers

Sheep and lambs	'000	18 403
Meat cattle	'000	2 138

### Agricultural businesses

Total	(no.)	13 392
Experiencing adverse seasonal conditions	(%)	54.3

## TOURISM

2006-07 2007-08

### Short term overseas holiday travel

no. no.

Resident departures	342 133	425 096
Visitor arrivals	245 903	243 346

### Holiday departures - main destinations

% %

Indonesia	18.8	24.6
Thailand	14.7	15.0
Singapore	9.2	8.8

### Holiday arrivals - main country of origin

United Kingdom and Ireland	27.8	25.0
Singapore	16.5	16.4
Rest of Europe	13.6	14.6



# environment

## CLIMATE

	Mean daily temperature				Mean annual rainfall
	Summer (January)		Winter (July)		
	Max (°C)	Min (°C)	Max (°C)	Min (°C)	(mm)
Perth (Metro)	30.7	17.8	18.4	7.8	759.8
Albany	22.8	15.1	15.7	8.1	931.6
Broome	33.4	26.1	27.9	14.1	574.9
Bunbury	29.2	15.0	17.3	7.2	742.4
Esperance	26.1	15.5	17.1	8.3	621.9
Geraldton (Town)	29.1	18.4	19.8	10.5	449.0
Kalgoorlie/Boulder (Airport)	33.6	18.2	16.7	5.0	264.9
Mandurah	29.3	16.9	17.3	8.6	882.2
Port Hedland	36.4	25.5	27.1	12.2	311.2

Source: Bureau of Meteorology 2008, Bureau of Meteorology, Perth,  
<<http://www.bom.gov.au>>.

## ENVIRONMENTAL VIEWS AND BEHAVIOURS

2007–08

%

Whether concerned about any environmental problems

Concerned	80.9
Not concerned	19.1

Think the natural environment is

Improving	12.9
Declining	56.4
Staying the same	24.8
Did not know or had no opinion	5.9

Environmental activities involved in during the last 12 months

Donated money to protect the environment	17.3
Volunteered or became involved in environmentally related programs	7.8
Signed a petition on environmental issues	17.0
Expressed concern about environmental issues through letter, email or talking to responsible authorities	11.2
Participated in a demonstration or rally on environmental issues	1.8
Other	6.8
None of the above	64.8

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